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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REACTOR TRANSFER

REF: MEXICO 271 (NOTAL)

1. WHILE WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE FORMAL RESPONSE FROM GOM (AND ONE MAY BE FORTHCOMING) WE HAVE LEARNED FROM BOTH FONSEC (GONZALEZ GALVEZ) AND INEN (COSTA) THAT MEXICO WILL NOT ACCEPT THE OREGON STATE REACTOR UNDER THE CONDITIONS WHICH WERE STIPULATED BY THE US AND IAEA. THIS DECISION IN EFFECT OVERRIDES THE IPN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE REACTOR FOR GOM POLICY REASONS. THE CHIEF (BUT PERHAPS NOT ONLY) STICKING POINT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE INSISTENCE BY THE US ON FALLBACK BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS. THE GOM, OF COURSE, HAS NO PROBLEM WITH ANY DEGREE OF IADD SAFEGUARDS, BUT APPEARS TO BE MOST UNWILLING (LARGELY FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS WE GATHER), TO ACCEPT US BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

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2. IN CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 16 WITH EMBOFFS (POL) GONZALEZ GALVEZ COMMENTED THAT, FROM GOM POINT OF VIEW, OREGON STATE REACTOR WAS A DEAD ISSUE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT POLITICAL LEVEL AND HAD GOM'S POLITICAL SENSITIVITY REGARDING BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, HE BELIEVED THAT TRANSFER OF THE REACTOR COULD HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. HE DID

NOT PROPOSE RE-OPENING THE CASE.

3. GIVEN ABOVE, DEPARTMENT AND DOE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER TRY AT WORKING OUT AN ARRANGEMENT, OR WHETHER DR WANG SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO DISPOSE OF REACTOR ELSEWHERE. IF DEPARTMENTS WISH, DECISION CAN BE DEFERRED UNTIL MEXICAN REPLY RECEIVED, AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY COULD RAISE QUESTION WITH GONZALEZ GALVEZ AND SEE WHAT DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY GOM HAS. WE SEE NO CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD RECONCILE US REQUIREMENTS FOR FALLBACK BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS WITH FIRM GOM OPPOSITION TO THEM.

4. SEE ALSO SEPTELS WHICH DISCUSS LIKELY MEXICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD US NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AND STATE OF PLAY ON NUCLEAR PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE DECISION. THOMPSON

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